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Memorandum to the Director:

Subject: Order to Regulate the Use of Lands in the Pigeon River Country State Forest, Cheboygan, Montmorency and Otsego Counties
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment 5 of 2008
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorized the Director to issue orders to implement land use rules.

Discussion and Background:

This amendment to Land Use Order of the Director 4.34 (Pigeon River Country State Forest) is being requested to regulate camping and the types of watercraft that may be launched at the following seven (7) sinkhole lakes within the Pigeon River Country State Forest:

- Hemlock Lake- T33N, R1W, Section 34 and 35 (Cheboygan County)
 - No camping within 600 feet of lake
 - Only non-motorized watercraft or those using electric motors may be launched on to lake from State-owned lands.
- Ford Lake- T32N, R1W, Section 8 (Otsego County)
 - No camping within 600 feet of lake
 - Only non-motorized watercraft or those using electric motors may be launched on to lake from State-owned lands.
- West Lost Lake- T32N, R1W, Section 3 (Otsego County)
 - No camping within 600 feet of lake
 - Only non-motorized watercraft or those using electric motors may be launched on to lake from State-owned lands.
- Section Four Lake- T32N, R1W, Section 4 (Otsego County)
 - No camping within 600 feet of lake
 - No motorized or non-motorized watercraft may be launched on to lake from

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State-owned lands, with the exception of float tubes (a small one-person watercraft or flotation device, typically based on an inflatable tube that fits around the user's abdomen).

- Lost Lake- T32N, R1W, Section 2 and 3 (Otsego County)
 - No camping within 600 feet of lake
 - No motorized or non-motorized watercraft may be launched on to lake from State-owned lands, with the exception of float tubes (a small one-person watercraft or flotation device, typically based on an inflatable tube that fits around the user's abdomen).
- North Twin Lake- T32N, R1W, Section 10 (Otsego County)
 - No camping within 600 feet of lake
 - No motorized or non-motorized watercraft may be launched on to lake from State-owned lands, with the exception of float tubes (a small one-person watercraft or flotation device, typically based on an inflatable tube that fits around the user's abdomen).
- South Twin Lake- T32N, R1W, Section 10 (Otsego County)
 - No camping within 600 feet of lake
 - No motorized or non-motorized watercraft may be launched on to lake from State-owned lands, with the exception of float tubes (a small one-person watercraft or flotation device, typically based on an inflatable tube that fits around the user's abdomen).

These regulations are needed because special research regulations that make it unlawful to fish in these 7 sinkhole lakes will be lifted in early April 2008. The restrictions on the type of watercraft that may be launched from State-owned land are being proposed to address potential soil and bank erosion that can be caused by the dragging of watercraft along the banks to gain access to the lakes. The proposed camping restriction is to reduce erosion problems created by campers accessing the water and to reduce litter problems.

These watercraft and camping restrictions have been agreed upon by all Divisions and the Pigeon River Advisory Council.

Recommendation:

This amendment is being submitted for information and consideration. This item will appear on the Department's February 25, 2008, calendar and may be eligible for approval in April, 2008.

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LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 5 of 2008

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Section 504 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being section 324.504 of the Michigan Compiled Laws and in accordance with R 299.671 and R 299.922 of the Michigan Administrative Code, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders that the following order of the Land Use Orders of the Director shall read as follows:

4.34 Pigeon river country state forest. Cheboygan, Montmorency and Otsego counties, defined; prohibited conduct.

Order 4.34. For the purposes of this order, the Pigeon river country state forest shall mean those lands in sections 1-26, the N $\frac{1}{2}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 27, the N $\frac{3}{4}$ of section 28, the N $\frac{3}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 29, sections 30 and 31, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 32, sections 35 and 36, T33N R1E; sections 1-36, T33N R1W; sections 19-21, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 22, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 27, sections 28-33, T34N R1E; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 24, T33N R2W; sections 19-36, T34N R1W; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 5, section 6 except the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, section 7 except the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 8, the W $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 17, sections 18 and 19, that part of section 20 west of Blue lakes road and south of the N $\frac{1}{8}$ line and northerly and north westerly of Black river, the part of section 30 northerly of Hardwood creek and westerly of Black river, the S $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 31, T32N R1E; sections 1-6, the N $\frac{1}{2}$ and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ north of Deer trail of section 7, sections 8-17, sections 20 and 21, the W $\frac{3}{4}$ of section 22, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 25, section 26 except the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, the N $\frac{1}{2}$ and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 27, the N $\frac{3}{4}$ of section 28, sections 29 and 30, the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 35, section 36 except the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, T31N R1W; section 1 except the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, T31N R2W; sections 1-36, T32N R1W; sections 1-5, section 8, the N $\frac{3}{4}$ of section 9, sections 10-15, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 16, the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 17, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 19, section 20, section 21 except the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ South of east Sturgeon valley road., section 22 except the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ south of the east Sturgeon valley road., section 24, the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ north of east Sturgeon valley road. and that part of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ north of east Sturgeon valley road of section 29, the S $\frac{3}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ except the north 165 ft. east of the thread of Pigeon river and the east 940 ft. of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 36, T32N R2W; Cheboygan, Montmorency and Otsego counties. The following regulations shall apply to state-owned lands of the Pigeon river country state forest.

Wheeled motorized vehicles; conditions for use.

(1) Except as otherwise prohibited in (2) of this order, a person may operate a wheeled motorized vehicle only if both of the following conditions are met:

(a) The vehicle is currently registered under the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300.

(b) The vehicle is operated on a state forest road designated and illustrated as open in the Pigeon river country state forest access map.

Motorized vehicles prohibited, green timbers management unit.

(2) A person shall not operate a motorized vehicle of any type upon state-owned lands lying within the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 3, sections 4, 5, 8-10, 15-17 and 19-22, and that part of section 29 lying northerly of the Sturgeon valley road, T32N R2W, commonly known as the green timbers management unit.

Camping with horses, other riding animals, or pack animals.

(3) A person shall not camp with horses or other riding or pack animals except at those locations designated and posted for such purposes. When camping at a designated location, a person shall not do any of the following:

(a) Establish more than 2 camps at 1 designated location.

(b) Establish a corral without written permission of the department.

(c) Leave hay, straw and similar debris without carrying it away or dispersing it from the camping location.

Horses, riding animals and pack animals, use restricted to dedicated roads and pathways in certain locations.

(4) A person shall not ride or lead a horse, other riding animal, or pack animal within any of the following described locations, or allow such animal to use or travel within any of the following described locations, except upon a road or pathway dedicated and signed for such purposes:

(a) Sections 25, 26, 27, 35 and 36, T31N R1W.

(b) Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11, T32N R1W.

(c) Sections 26-28, and 33-35, T33N R1W.

Camping, use prohibited in certain locations.

(5) A person shall not camp within the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 22, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 27, T33N R1W, and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 5, and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 20, T32N R2W.

Entry prohibited at a certain location.

(6) A person who does not have authorization from the department shall not enter upon those lands bounded on the south and east by Sturgeon valley road, on the west by Pickerel lake road, and on the north by the electrical transmission line, within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 24, T32N R2W.

Snowmobile operation; prohibited.

(7) (a) A person shall not operate a snowmobile except for otherwise lawful operation upon a county road or upon a forest road designated and illustrated as open on the Pigeon river country state forest access map.

History: Iss. Sept. 17, 1993; Am 5, 1994, Post Apr. 1, 1994; Am. 5, 1995, Post Apr. 1, 1995; Am. 8, 1996, Post Apr. 1, 1996; Am. 20, 2007, Post Dec. 7, 2007.

Camping, use restriction in certain locations.

(8) A person shall not camp within 600 feet of the following described lakes:

(a) Hemlock lake- T33N, R1W, sections 34 and 35 (Cheboygan county)

(b) Ford lake- T32N- R1W, section 8 (Otsego county)

(c) West Lost lake- T32N, R1W, section 3 (Otsego county)

(d) Section Four lake- T32N, R1W, Section 4 (Otsego county)

(e) Lost lake- T32N, R1W, section 2 and 3 (Otsego county)

(f) North Twin lake- T32N, R1W, section 10 (Otsego county)

(g) South Twin lake- T32N, R1W, section 10 (Otsego County)

Watercraft, use restrictions in certain locations.

(9) Only non-motorized watercraft or those using electric motors may be launched from state owned land onto any of the following described lakes:

(a) Hemlock lake- T33N, R1W, sections 34 and 35 (Cheboygan county)

(b) Ford lake- T32N- R1W, section 8 (Otsego county)

(c) West Lost lake- T32N, R1W, section 3 (Otsego county)

(10) No motorized or non-motorized watercraft with the exception of float tubes (a small one-person watercraft or flotation device, typically based on an inflatable tube that fits around the user's abdomen), may be launched from state owned land onto any of the following described lakes:

(a) Section Four lake- T32N, R1W, section 4 (Otsego county)

(b) Lost lake- T32N, R1W, section 2 and 3 (Otsego county)

(c) North Twin lake- T32N, R1W, section 10 (Otsego county)

(d) South Twin lake- T32N, R1W, section 10 (Otsego county)

This order may be posted on, or after April 10, 2008

Issued on this 10th day of April.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director